## **Department of Commerce**

## **Reconstruction and Stabilization**

Duty Location: 1 vacancy - Washington DC Metro Area, DC

## **MAJOR DUTIES:**

The incumbent participates in the formulation and implementation of US programs intended to maintain or foster a rapid transition to democracy and participates in the development of plans to assist a transitional government. The issues covered by the incumbent are of major concern to the bilateral relationship between the United States and the host country and of the utmost importance to US national security interests in the region, and are carefully tracked by members of Congress, the US business community. and the media. As such, the incumbent is responsible for: (1) serving as an authoritative source of all political/economic and policy and programmatic information for the assigned functional areas; (2) helping to plan US actions taken under the strategy approved at senior levels, looking in particular for new programs through which to pursue US objectives, and participating in reviews and updates of that strategy; (3) developing recommendations for USG positions to respond to changing conditions on the ground (4) anticipating and preparing documents and briefings for senior Department officials for important meetings, speeches, etc; and (5) delivering comments and making speeches, as needed, concerning USG policy at conferences, internal meetings, and subject matter panels.

While deployed to fragile states, the Senior R&S Commercial Advisor (SCA) will likely be the Commerce Department team lead in the host nation. As a team lead, you must be capable of clearly articulating Departmental positions orally and in writing at senior-level interagency discussions in-country. Specifically, you will be responsible for providing advice on commercial and trade issues to senior interagency colleagues and host nation government officials. You will evaluate the host nation commercial sector and develop a plan to strengthen the local private business sector. This could include advising relevant host nation ministries on business enhancing regulations to ensure transparency, host nation export opportunities, foreign investment and technical assistance related to its trade regime. You will be responsible for formulating a viable commercial program that supports market access for US companies interested in pursuing trade and investment opportunities in the host nation. While deployed, you may be required to work closely with the Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program CRC-A member.

The CRC-A can be deployed on short notice to unconventional, challenging environments where their motivation, specialized knowledge, and professional agility can make the difference. When deployed, CRC-A members, under the Chief of Mission, coordinate and support U.S. reconstruction and stabilization efforts. The Team could be based at a U.S. Mission, in the field, or co-located with multilateral assistance partners.

Depending on the circumstances of U.S. involvement, teams may also work closely with the U.S. military.

While not deployed, you will work on R&S related issues within the R&S Headquarters in Washington D.C located within the Department's International Trade Administration, Market Access and Compliance (ITA/MAC. This will include attendance at Washington DC based meetings to integrate DOC capabilities into evolving whole of government plan. Working with DOC Bureaus and Office of the Secretary Units as well as the State Department to ensure administrative issues are in order. Work with all appropriate DOC units to prepare the R&S Alert Notices and develop the Department-wide R&S plans. You will also conduct lessons learned analysis and develop a Department-wide plan to provide reach back support to forward deployed teams. While not deployed other activities include:

- 1. Training
- 2. Military and civilian exercises, include DOC lead exercises
- 3. On the job training doing R&S related work within the department
- 4. Contributing to development of the Department's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- 5. Contributing to lessons learned and best practices projects
- 6. Conducting training (as subject matter experts)
- 7. Mission/organization familiarization with Geographic Combatant Commands or other military organizations critical to the whole-of-government response
- 8. Public outreach, engagement with the business community and other organizations

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